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Iraqi Army (IA) Conducts Successful Raid

HABBANIYAH, IRAQ – 3rd Brigade IA Soldiers make significant arrests in both Civil and Coolie Camps, neighboring Camp Habbaniyah.

On August 28th at 0500, Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade IA assisted by 135th Engineers of TF Panther infiltrated nearby Civil and Coolie neighborhoods. Their efforts led to the arrest of several alleged insurgents. The IA raided the homes of 13 suspected individuals, capturing twelve of the targets. While conducting operations, the IA also interrogated a number of other suspicious individuals, which may lead to further arrests. Excess AK-47s and an abundance of bomb-making materials were among the contraband confiscated.



IA loads detainees for transport to the detention facility.

Soldiers label evidence to ensure proper handling.



This mission, entitled “Operation Harrisburg” focused on the imminent threat, literally in the back yard of Coalition Camp Habbaniyah. Many of the Iraqi Nationals employed by TF Panther live in these two neighborhoods of Civil and Coolie. There have been incidents of reported violence, criminals intimidating the Iraqi workers and threatening their livelihood. The IA and TF Panther Command are sending the message that this type of bullying behavior will not be tolerated. This is proof that with the help of brave Iraqi citizens, it is only a matter of time until these thugs are caught and brought to justice.

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